

## February 2024 Newsletter

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## 200 children plant trees at Bussage Primary School

This has been a huge month for tree planting and woodland care.

- ChalCAN volunteers and residents at Dorington Court planted 5 new blossom and berry trees at Freame Close.
- A team of helpers led by Carole Clayton coppiced the hazel woods at St Mary of the Angels in Brownhill.
- And over 200 children from Bussage Primary School joined 40 volunteers from ChalCAN to plant a beautiful new wood outside the school.



Between our volunteers and the children, parents and staff of Bussage School, we have planted hundreds of new trees and helped to rebalance our

**environment** – thank you to all who helped out.

We can never have too many volunteers – [please email ChalCAN](#) if you can help!



## Bike racks everywhere

Bike racks have now been installed at Chalford Sports and Social Club. Now you can cycle to your tennis match and **really** earn your tea!

Frith Youth Centre is next on the list for a bike rack, as well as Chalford Parish Centre (subject to approval).

## E-bike hire scheme

We've been investigating if ChalCAN could opt in to host a long-term e-bike hire scheme in Chalford. For now, the logistics are just too complicated. However, **Transition Stroud and The Bike Drop** are trialling e-bike hire schemes in Nailsworth, Minchinhampton and Stonehouse. For more info [see the TS website](#) or email [admin@transitionstroud.org](mailto:admin@transitionstroud.org).



## Look out: new bike route coming!

Signs will soon be going up for a beautiful new local 5km bike route! We'll post a map of the route [on the ChalCAN website](#) shortly. This is a family friendly circuit on gentler hills and quieter roads. **No e-bikes required!**

## Are you an energy superstar?

Have you had green energy installed in your house? An air-source heat pump? A solar panel? **Would you be happy to share your experience with others?** [Get in touch](#) and we'll make you a ChalCAN superstar.



## Food Waste: It All Adds Up

Look out for Gloucestershire County Council's campaign to reduce food waste. Find details [on our Facebook page!](#)

**Did you know that you can line your council food waste caddy with any bag?** The bags are removed as part of the recycling process, so they don't need to be biodegradable. Old bread bags work perfectly.

Need a new food waste caddy? Email [recycling@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@stroud.gov.uk).

**Scroll down for dates for your diary, and Gloucestershire's new nature recovery strategy**


## Get involved with Gloucestershire CC

Gloucestershire County Council want to find out what areas you would like to see protected or restored for nature across the county.

These events are open to everyone and no specialist knowledge is needed to participate.

 Mon 18 March - Online

 Tues 9 April - Online

 Sat 20 April, 10am-1pm - Subscription Rooms, Stroud

[Find out more](#) about the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and [book into an event](#).



## Dates for your diary

### Hilltop Gardening Club

**Tuesday 5 March, 7.15pm**

Eastcombe Village Hall

Kevin Ward talking on 'Unlocking the Secret Garden at Museum in the Park'. Non-members welcome, £3.

**Tuesday 2 April, 7.15pm**

Eastcombe Village Hall

Tetbury Flower Co. presents Cut Flowers by Rachel Golding-Barrett. Non-members welcome.

### Eco Clothes Swap returns to Stroud

**Saturday 9 March, 10am-4pm**

[Stroud Valleys Project](#), 8 Threadneedle Street, Stroud

Refresh your wardrobe the eco-friendly way by keeping clothes out of landfill!

Drop off clothing and accessories for swapping to the eco shop between Saturday 2 March and Friday 8 March. They will give you a ticket to bring on the day of the swap.

If you haven't any items to exchange, you can still bag yourself some 'new' clothes by making a donation to Stroud Valleys Project on the day.

Items left over will be donated to other charity shops or rag-rugged.

### Make your own nature reserve

**Sunday 24 March, 9.30am-3pm**

The Pavilion, Valley Park, Cainscross

If you do just one thing for your wildlife this year, add water to your garden. Find out how with Wild Stroud.

This workshop will explore making ponds and bog gardens in all sizes of garden, without vast expense. They'll also look at collecting rainwater, and how to safely provide water for animals and insects, such as hedgehogs and bees.

For more details and to book, visit [Wild Stroud's website](#).